

MINNESOTA COUNCIL FOR THE GIFTED AND TALENTED ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Theme: "On Behalf of Gifted Kids..."

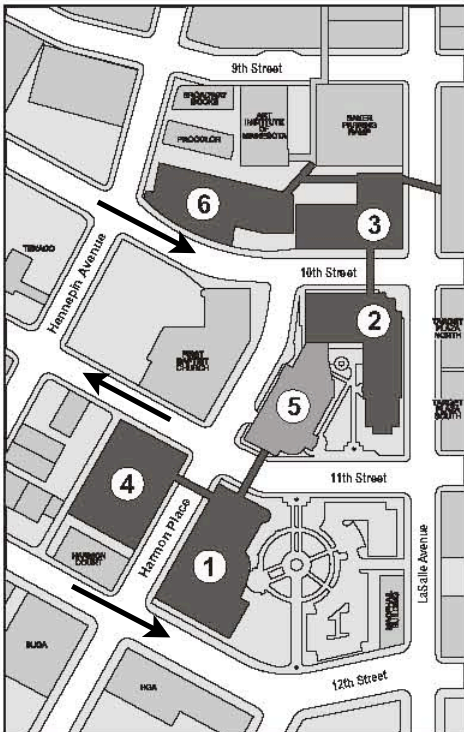
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2013

Terrence Murphy and Opus Halls, University of St. Thomas - Minneapolis Campus

The Day's Schedule

- 8:30 - 9:00 Check-in and pick up program
- 9:00 - 12:00 Children's morning session
- 9:00 - 10:30 Welcome, MCGT Friend of the Gifted Award, Keynote Address
- 10:45 - 11:45 Adult Breakout Session I
- 11:45 - 1:00 Lunch for adults and students
- 1:00 - 4:00 Children's afternoon session
- 1:00 - 1:20 MCGT Annual Meeting
- 1:30 - 2:30 Adult Breakout Session II
- 2:45 - 3:45 Adult Breakout Session IV
- 4:10 - 4:30 Book Swap session for students
- All day Vendors & information

Registration and Parking: Registration for adults with children in the Kids' program is on the skyway level near the elevators in Opus Hall (#3 on map – the Kids' classes are in Opus Hall and the adult sessions are in Terrence Murphy Hall) Registration for adults without children is at the junction of Schulze and Terrence Murphy Halls (#5 & #2 on map). Recommended parking is the Harmon Place parking ramp at a cost of \$5.00 for all day Saturday (#4 on map). The skyway from the parking ramp through the School of Law and Schulze Hall to Terrence Murphy Hall will be open and lead right to the adult registration table.



1. Minneapolis School of Law
2. Terrence Murphy Hall
3. Opus Hall
4. Parking at 11th Street and Harmon Place
5. Schulze Hall

FROM THE SOUTH: I-35W North to Downtown Exits to 11th St./Grant St. Exit (exit 16A); turn left. West on 11th St. to Harmon Place (two blocks past Nicollet Mall). Cross intersection. Parking entrance on left.

FROM THE NORTH: I-35W South to West I-94 to 11th St. Exit. West on 11th St. to Harmon Place. Cross intersection. Parking Ramp entrance will be on the left.

FROM THE WEST: I-394 East to I-394 Downtown Exit to 12th St. North (exit 9A); to Harmon Place; turn left (west) on 11th St. The parking ramp entrance will be on your left.

FROM THE EAST: I-94 West to 11th Street Exit (exit 233A); turn left. West on 11th Street to Harmon Place (two blocks past Nicollet Mall). Cross intersection. Parking Ramp entrance will be on your left.

Host and co-sponsor: The University of St. Thomas School of Education, Graduate Program for Gifted Studies

Where: Terrence Murphy (Keynote, Adult Sessions, Vendors & Information) and Opus (Kids' Program) Halls, University of St. Thomas, Minneapolis campus

Children's Program: Open only to children of registered adults who attend the conference. Kids in kindergarten through 7th grade must pre-register. They will choose a morning and an afternoon class led by experienced teachers - course descriptions inside. There are no facilities for children younger than kindergarten. Older kids may register to attend adult sessions or sign up to be volunteers in various areas of the conference (including assisting teachers in one of the kids' classes or helping set up and clean up). Contact Shari at crowriver@mcgt.net for more information on volunteer opportunities at the conference.

Lunch: All will eat together in "Food for Thought." Please mark lunch choices on the registration form.

Vendors: Best Prep, Center for Talent Development at Northwestern University and Northwestern University Midwest Academic Talent Search, Concordia Language Villages, Edina Center for Academic Excellence, Friedrichs Education, Minnesota College Savings Plan, MCGT (books from a number of publishers), Ruf Estimates™ of Levels of Giftedness, Stories with Holes, Usborne Books. (Some vendors may not be able to take credit card orders.)

Information and Catalogs: Destination Imagination, Educational Impressions, Free Spirit Publishing, Great Potential Press, Intermediate District 287, Mensa, Mindware, Minnesota Academic Excellence Foundation, MCGT Homeschoolers Chapter, National Association for Gifted Children, Pieces of Learning, Prufrock Press, Tutor Doctor, University of St. Thomas College of Education, Youth Enrichment League and more.

Cost: \$55 for members, \$70 for non-members (but pay the member rate if you join with your registration), \$25 for second adult in the same family and \$35 for each child in kindergarten through seventh grade whose parent(s) or guardian is attending the Conference. The fee includes lunch and snack. No credit cards accepted.

Incentive for early registration: If you register by Oct. 26 (postmark) you are entitled to pick up on the day of the conference a set of 12 "Frequently Asked Questions" brochures (National Association for Gifted Children publications) or a coupon for \$2.00 off a purchase made at the MCGT table.

FROM THE NORTHWEST: I-94 East to Downtown Exit to 4th St; take Fourth St. to First Ave; turn right on First Ave. to 10th St; turn left on 10th St. to Harmon Place; turn right on 11th St. The parking ramp entrance will be on your left.

2013 Kids Program Course Descriptions

Morning (9:00 - 12:00 noon)

Kindergarten - Second Grade

A101 K-2 Bug ZZZZZone! Back by popular demand, Bruce the Bug Guy will return to the conference with his traveling assortment of live and formerly live insects and arthropods! Crawly creatures of all sizes and descriptions will be safely shared, from mammoth size millepedes to tricky tarantulas! Attendees will enjoy lively learning of habitat, diet, and creature features, and build their own bug from craft materials. Parents will appreciate Bruce's No Live Bug Left Behind (or taken home) policy! *Instructor:* Dr. of Entomology Bruce Giebinck has been involved in research and insect curricula for more than 25 years and is the author of MN Bug Hunt. His program is engaging and safe. Dr. Giebinck's Bug Zone program is known throughout the metro area, and was recently featured on Twin Cities Live.

A102 When I Grow Up. See the description for P112.

A103 Music Mystery! Come join our musical expedition. We need you to learn the secret codes of music and to unravel mysteries while journeying around the globe. Use theory to take flight in your musical trek. Become sound detectives to link to the music of countries worldwide. *Instructor:* Jill Olson Moser is a graduate of Eastman School of Music. She works as a professional violinist, Suzuki educator, Kindermusik teacher, and as an adjunct professor at Gustavus Adolphus College.

Third - Fourth Grade

A201 The Wonderful World of Harry Potter! *This is an all-day class. Sign up for both A201 and P211.* Welcome to the wonderful world of Harry Potter! Come join us on an thrilling adventure to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Become a Hogwarts student! Create your own powerful wand. Write invisible notes to evade Umbridge. Challenge your friends to exploding snap. And don't be the recipient of a screeching howler! At your own risk, taste Bertie Bott's Every Flavor Beans. Sip butterbeer. Show off your skills as a wizard with our spell duels. Construct your own pensieve. You'll even play a game with Dudley! Can you outsmart "You-Know-Who" on a hunt for the horcruxes? Hurry to board the Hogwarts Express on Platform 9 3/4! *Instructor:* Tammy Huston has taught the popular Harry Potter course for MCGT for several years. As a substitute teacher in Eden Prairie, she also teaches several community education classes and summer school. Ms. Huston has also been a featured presenter at MCGT state conferences and the NAGC convention.

A202 The Art of Invention. See description for P212

A203 Marvelous Math and Nifty Numbers. Are you up for challenges, perplexors, and using your skill in visual problem solving? If numbers and mental challenges are your thing, then this class is for you! With games galore and probability aplenty, our pace will move as fast as you are able. Can you trace the steps to solving challenging problems? Discover connections as to why math challenges are essential to certain careers. If you run out of time for all the class fun, take a packet of activities home to pursue your mathematical quest.

Instructors: Linda Fullerton, retired elementary teacher from Eden Prairie Schools, is a strong supporter of differentiated instruction in the classroom. Linda continues to offer mathematical challenges for interested students and has taught Harry Potter and Mathematics classes at the MCGT conference for more than 5 years, and also taught at the NAGC Conference in Minneapolis. Blake Heyman is a student in the Minnetonka district who participated in the Navigator Program. Blake was on the Continental Math League Team for Minnetonka, which placed first nationally. See description for P113.

A204 Enviro Artists. Art and Science Masters. See description for P111.

Fifth - Seventh Grade

A301 Alien Worlds. *This is an all-day class. Sign up for both A301 and P311.* Tired of Star Wars, Star Trek, and endless video games that do the same old thing? Instead of simply drawing weird pictures and giving them laser beam destructo ray light sabers of doom, you are on a mission to build creatures and planets bounded by the laws of physics, chemistry and biology. Your very own aliens must make sense and fit into an ecology. Once your first decision is made -- where your creatures are at in their galaxy -- every other decision is more and more tightly bound by physical rules. Work within those sets of laws to create some of the most logical -- and spectacular! -- aliens you'll ever see! *Instructor:* Guy Stewart has been teaching ninth grade science in the International Baccalaureate program at Cooper High School. He has also taught in an English Language Learning Program. Currently, Guy is a guidance counselor.

A302 HIP HOP meets the WORLD! See the description for P312.

A303 A Rockin' Self Made Orchestra! The Science of Sound! See the description for P313.

Afternoon (1:00 - 4:00 p.m.)

Kindergarten - Second Grade

P111 Enviro Artists. Art and Science Masters. Become a scientific illustrator with an eye for your future in the world. Your eyes are your lens to see what needs to be done. Observation is key to discovery. View live gold or beta fish in motion and use watercolor to capture light, energy, and movement. Then "land" on a newly found planet, consider the complex conditions, and envision how the habitat will support the creatures you create. Technique? Fast draw. Quick adaptation. Have a mind and heart for habitat. While nature rules, you are bound to representing and appreciating her magnificent intricacies.

Instructor: Abbi Allan's life work is about creating hybridizations between art & science. She has a BA in Mixed Media, a minor in Biology and Art History and an MFA in fine sculpture. She's taught at the Science Museum of MN since 2001 and is a Life Long Learning Instructor at SMM. She has been with MCAD since 2008, and has also taught for the College of Visual Arts, the Phipps center for the Arts and more. Abbi's own work examines the fragility of nature: both its beauty and its grotesque accumulated affects when abused.

P112 When I Grow Up. Although far too young to be making career choices, kids will get to imagine and act out what it is like to be an out-of-this-world astronaut, a scintillating scientist, or a fancy fashion designer. Part of the fun will be learning for real, but most will be getting the chance to do it as they would like it to be! *Instructor* from Youth Performance Company (YPC), celebrating its 25th season. YPC is dedicated to igniting and fueling the spirit of youth of all ages. Its classes are meant to challenge, nurture, and spark the interest of young artists to empower them. YPC is process oriented rather than performance based. It is about opening wide the doors and jumping right in!

P113 Marvelous Math and Nifty Numbers. See description for A203.

Third - Fourth Grade

P211 The Wonderful World of Harry Potter! *This is an all-day class. Sign up for both A201 and P211.*

P212 The Art of Invention. Inventive instructor Jef Pokorney returns! Build a model of an invention using hot glue and tape and set wheels and gears spinning. Create a work of art from a zany collection of doo dads and gismos. Your imagination creates your future! *Instructor:* Jef Pokorney teaches invention and creativity with an emphasis on building self esteem. He currently teaches at Leonardo's Basement and for a variety of creativity conferences. His creation of a clear canoe is a favorite invention, as well as his recently published children's book.

P213 Music Mystery! See the description for A103.

P214 Bug ZZZZZone! See the description for A101.

Fifth - Seventh Grade

P311 Alien Worlds. *This is an all-day class. Sign up for both A301 and P311.*

P312 HIP HOP meets the WORLD! Breakdance...beatbox...graffiti art...rap! Express yourself creatively and artistically while focusing on ways to communicate and help the world! This class is designed to connect with each student's big and brilliant ideas, and to get moving in body and mind. A fun time will be had by all! *Instructor:* Laura Mahler is a local dancer, performer, and teacher in the Twin Cities. She recently won the Environmental Justice award for her rap music video "Boycott Bottles." She has been teaching Hip Hop for many years and can't wait to teach at this upcoming conference!

P313 A Rockin' Self Made Orchestra! The Science of Sound! Unique pitches and cool waves sound out as the designer elements of all genres of music! Discover the family gathering of instruments-brassy, airy, mysterious, soulful and sweet, and those who take their shakes, scrapes, and poundings to speak! We'll use everyday objects and responsibly used (recycled!) materials to demonstrate scientific principles behind the various voices. The finale? Our self-made orchestra will rock! *Instructors:* With a passion for music, Christi Kaehn has taught piano for 17 years, and performed in rock and roll bands for over 30 years, playing everything from harmonica to spoons and washboard. She has taught elementary-age kids in schools for 25 years, and in summer theater programs at Normandale Community College. Co-instructor Jase Ginkel majored in music education from Winona State, with a minor in Jazz studies. He worked with band students at Winona Middle School, and with the jazz department at Cotter High School. Currently, Jase is student teaching in St. Louis Park. In his free time, Jase performs Americana/Bluegrass and Folk music with the band Jaybone Bell and the Restless Light. Last year, Christi and Jase's MCGT Rap course was a definite hit!

2013 Registration Form

ADULT REGISTRATION

- ✓ Each participant must register, using one registration form per family.
- ✓ Those who are not members of MCGT, or whose membership has expired, may join when they register.
- ✓ Check out some of the Adult session titles on back.
- ✓ Indicate lunch preferences.
- ✓ Registration deadline is November 4, 2013 to guarantee a lunch.

STUDENT REGISTRATION

- ✓ Every child must register and attend with parent or guardian who is registered for the conference. Postcards will be sent on November 8th to confirm each child's class choices.
- ✓ Cost per child is \$35.00.
- ✓ Registrations with postmarks of October 26 or earlier will be considered first-day registrations and given equal consideration for class choices. Postmarks will determine placements after that until classes are filled.
- ✓ There are no facilities for children under kindergarten age.
- ✓ Indicate lunch preferences.
- ✓ Registration deadline is November 4, 2013.

Name _____ Phone (home) (_____) _____

Address _____ (work or cell) (_____) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ School District _____

e-mail _____

Name of second adult in the same family attending the conference

Note any special considerations for adult(s) or child(ren) _____

Check if you are a presenter _____ or a volunteer _____

Questions? www.mcgt.net or info@mcgt.net

Lunch Choices

Please indicate a sandwich or pizza and beverage choice for each registered adult and child.
All sandwich lunches come with a bag of chips and cookie. All pizza selections come with a cookie.

Sandwich:

- _____ Turkey, Provolone, Lettuce and Tomato on Multi-Grain Bread
- _____ Ham, Swiss, Lettuce and Tomatoes on Ciabatta
- _____ Vegetarian Wrap: Hummus, Roasted Peppers, Tomatoes, Cucumbers and Spinach Leaves Rolled in a Tortilla Wrap

Pizza:

- _____ Cheese Pizza (2 large slices)
- _____ Pepperoni Pizza (2 large slices)

Beverage:

- _____ Soda
- _____ Milk
- _____ Non-carbonated spring water

Children's Name(s)	m/f	Grade	Enter the course numbers of each child's choices.						
			Morning Choices			Afternoon Choices			
			1st	2nd	3rd	1st	2nd	3rd	
Child #1 _____									
Child #2 _____									
Child #3 _____									

I release MCGT, University of St. Thomas and Conference participants of any liability for injuries or damages incurred to myself/child/spouse while participating in the 2013 MCGT Conference.

Fees Enclosed

- Adult member - \$55 \$ _____
- Nonmember - \$70 \$ _____
- Second adult in the family - \$25 \$ _____
- Number of children _____ x \$35 \$ _____
- MCGT membership fee - \$35/year or \$65/2 years
- (___ new ___ renewal) Chapter _____ \$ _____
- 2nd Chapter _____ \$16/yr \$ _____

Signature _____ Date _____



Register online at www.mcgt.net or
Make checks payable to and send to:
MN Council for the Gifted & Talented
5701 Normandale Rd., Suite 315
Edina, MN 55424

TOTAL \$ _____

2013 Keynote Speaker – Ann Robinson

Dr. Ann Robinson is Professor of Education and founding Director of the Center for Gifted Education at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. She is a former editor of the *Gifted Child Quarterly*, serves on the Board of Directors for the National Association for Gifted Children as the Past President and received the Early Leader, the Early Scholar, and the Distinguished Service Awards from the Association. In 2004, she and co-author Sidney Moon received the Gifted Child Quarterly Paper Year Award for a qualitative study, "The National Study of State and Local Advocacy in Gifted Education." She was a charter board member of the Special Interest Group on Giftedness and Talent of the American Educational Research Association. In 2000, Ann was recognized as the Purdue University Alumna of Distinction for the College of Education. Her own institution honored her with the University Award of Faculty Excellence in Research in 1999 and the University of Award for Public Service in 2001. Ann is the Past President of the Arkansans for Gifted and Talented Education, the Past President of the Arkansas Association of Gifted Education Administrators, and is active in advocacy at the state and national levels. She has held visiting appointments at Cambridge University, at Brunel University near London at the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia and at Monash University in Melbourne, Australia. In 2006, her text, *Best Practices in Gifted Education: An Evidence-based Guide* was published with co-authors Bruce Shore and Donna Enersen. As a service publication of the National Association for Gifted Children, the guide summarizes 29 practices with research support for use with high ability learners. Over half of them are instructional and curricular practices and include content specific pedagogy in reading, language arts, history, inquiry-based science, mathematics, the arts, and career education.

Ann is an enthusiastic reader of biographies, recommends them as a strategy for differentiating the curriculum for high ability learners, and has designed a series of instructional guides, *Blueprints for Biography's* for classroom teachers keyed to trade book biographies. The guides focus on instructional strategies in reading, language arts, and social studies to promote higher level thinking, talent development, and interest-based investigations.

2013 Keynote – Can Innovation Save Gifted Education

Dr. Robinson's keynote address discusses *The Age of Innovation* as she explores its connection with gifted education's deeply held beliefs about the importance of problem solving, creativity, imagination and invention. She identifies three current trends in education as good candidates for our contributions and potential leadership: diverse knowledge sources, customization through technology, and diffusion of education providers.

Adult Session Titles – Partial Listing: A complete list and description of adult sessions will be given out at the conference. You will be free to go to any sessions the day of the conference – this listing is tentative and for informational purposes only. A complete list and description of the sessions will be available on the website in October.

- Advocacy on the Individual Level and with the School District
- Benefits and Problems of IB Coursework for Gifted Student
- Benefits of a Multilingual Education for Gifted and Talented Learners
- Conversation with Dr. Robinson
- Early Entrance to School & Other Acceleration Issues
- Encouraging Excellence Without Pushing Perfection
- Get A Life – The Power of Biography
- Giftedness, the Autism Spectrum, and the New DSM 5
- Helping Gifted Girls Grow Up: Tools to Navigate Adolescence and Beyond
- High-End Differentiation for All Students
- Homeschool Options and Ideas – Q & A Panel
- How to Make Friends: Accelerate your Gifted Child's Social Skills
- If You Build It, They Will Come: Advocating for Exemplary Gifted Programs
- Levels of Giftedness – *How Unusual is Your Child?*
- MN Guidelines for Gifted and Talented Programming
- The New Myths and Facts about Giftedness
- Parenting All Types of Brains
- Parenting Gifted Children: Perspectives Based on Over Forty Years Experience as a Professional and as a Parent
- Parenting Young Gifted Children
- Power Strategies to Enhance the Learning of Gifted and Highly Capable Students
- Practical Ideas for Improving Writing and Critical Thinking
- Responding to the Intensity of the Gifted Child in the Classroom and in the Home
- Simple Learning Disabilities Definitions (and How Gifted Learning-Disabled Children Don't Fit Them)
- Supporting School Success
- Tips for Parents and Teachers Working with Twice Exceptional (2e) Children and Adults
- Thinking Ahead to College: What You Need to Know
- What's Motivation Got to Do With It?
- What To Do When Gifted Kids Explode, A Lot
- Why All Students are Twice-Exceptional (2-E)

The Minnesota Council for the Gifted and Talented (MCGT) is a state-wide non-profit organization dedicated to promoting better understanding of, and educational services for, gifted and talented children and their families. Its members are mainly parents, educators and other professionals. MCGT provides information, literature and referral services, publishes a bi-monthly newsletter, conducts occasional topical seminars and CHAT nights, sponsors an annual state conference with special children's program, promotes advocacy at all levels for gifted and talented children, is active in legislative efforts on behalf of gifted kids in collaboration with the Minnesota Educators of the Gifted and Talented, and participates in a national network through its affiliation with the National Association for Gifted Children and other organizations. Chapters and parent groups throughout the state provide opportunities for local activities.

For more information, check the website www.mcgt.net, email info@mcgt.net or call 952-848-4906.